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SUBJECT: INFORMATION OF FISHERIES

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1. EMBASSY HAS ALREADY COMMENTED ON NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ARTICLE AND NMFS MAY WISH CALL DANIEL STRASSER (ARA-LA/CAR) TO REVIEW THESE COMMENTS. WE DID NOT DISCUSS SECTION ON FISHERIES, HOWEVER, BECAUSE INFORMATION ON THIS SUBJECT IS SCARCE AND THERE IS NO CERP REQUIREMENT.

2. RESPONSIBILITY FOR FISHERIES WITHIN GOH LIES WITH DIRECTORATE OF FISHERIES, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE. DIRECTORATE'S STAFF IS SMALL, BELIEVED TO BE ABOUT SIX TECHNICIANS. GOH ISSUES NO PUBLICATIONS ON FISHERIES. HOWEVER, GOH INTERESTED IN DEVELOPING FISHING INDUSTRY TO SUPPLEMENT HAITIAN DIET AND OFFSET LARGE COMMERCIAL IMPORTS OF SALTED FISH (\$2.2 MILLION IN 1972-73). SEVERAL STUDIES, INCLUDING 1971 AUBURN UNIVERSITY STUDY UNDER CONTRACT WITH USAID (AID/CSD-2270) AND 1974 FAO/IDB STUDY (NO. 4/73 HAITI OF 5/9/74), HAVE ATTEMPTED TO DELINEATE NUMEROUS PROBLEMS WHICH MIGHT ARISE IN DEVELOPING HAITIAN FISHERIES. (COPIES OF THESE STUDIES UNAVAILABLE HERE BUT NMFS MAY BE ABLE OBTAIN FROM APPROPRIATE AGENCIES IN WASHINGTON.) THERE

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IS ALSO UNDP REGIONAL FISHERIES STUDY IN

PROGRESS WHICH ENCOMPASSESS HAITI, BUT LOCAL UNDP OFFICIALS DO NOT FORESEE MAJOR BENEFITS FOR COUNTRY FROM STUDY.

3. 1974 FAO/IDB STUDY OUTLINES PROJECT TO ASSIST HAITI IN INCREASING PRODUCTION OF SALTED FISH FOR DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCING FROZEN TUNA FOR EXPORT. TOTAL COST OF PROJECT, WHICH INVOLVES EQUIPPING COUNTRY WITH MODERN FISHING FLEET, PROCESSING PLANTS, REFRIGERATION FACILITIES, PLUS TRAINING FISHERMEN AND PROVIDING OTHER NECESSARY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, IS \$3.2 MILLION, OUT OF WHICH IDB WOULD PROVIDE FOREIGN EXCHANGE COMPONENT OF \$2.4 MILLION. SINCE 1974 STUDY DID NOT, HOWEVER, INVESTIGATE INTENSIVELY HAITI'S STOCK OF FISH, IDB HAS IN PIPELINE FOR 1976 A SURVEY OF COUNTRY'S MARINE FISH RESOURCES. ESTIMATED COST OF SURVEY IS \$800,000.

4. EMBASSY WILL ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN SOME INFORMATION ON VOLUME OF LANDINGS INCLUDING THOSE OF SPINY LOBSTERS, AS REQUESTED PARA 5 REFTTEL.  
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